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Applicant(s): Baumann et al.

Docket No.: 206.00300102

Title: DECK ASSEMBLY FOR A SELF-PROPELLED, WALK-BEHIND ROTARY LAWN MOWER

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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION including:
 Specification (24 consecutively numbered pgs, including 33 claims on 6 Consecutively numbered pgs and a 1 pg Abstract);
 Drawings (11 sheets);
 A signed Declaration as filed in the prior application (4 pgs).
 A signed Election under 37 C.F.R. § 3.71, Revocation, Power of Attorney, and Certificate under § 3.73(b) (including copy of Assignment) as filed in the prior application. (5 pgs.)
 Application Data Sheet (2 pgs).
 An itemized return postcard.
 Preliminary Amendment (9 pgs.)
 Request for filing a Divisional Patent Application under Rule 1.53(b) (3 pgs.)
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APPLICATION FILING FEE					
	Number of Pending Claims (1)	Claims Included in Basic Filing Fee (2)	Number of Extra Claims (1-2)	Cost per Extra Claim	Fee Required
Total Claims	26	- 20 =	6	x \$18 =	\$108
Independent Claims	3	- 3 =	0	x \$86 =	\$0
One or More Multiple Dependent Claims Presented? If Yes, Enter \$290 Here →					\$0
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Docket Number	Anticipated Classification		Prior Application	
	Class	Subclass	Examiner	Art Unit
206.00300102			Arpad Kovacs	3671

**REQUEST FOR FILING A DIVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION
UNDER RULE 1.53(b)**

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) of Serial No. 10/109,804, Confirmation No. 4044, filed on March 28, 2002, entitled DECK ASSEMBLY FOR A SELF-PROPELLED, WALK-BEHIND ROTARY LAWN MOWER by the following inventors (name, address, and citizenship):

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1. X Enclosed is a copy of the specification (including claims, abstract, and drawings) as filed in the prior application.

2. Enclosed is a new specification (including claims and abstract). The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference. No new matter has been added.

3. X Enclosed is a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application.

4. X Enclosed is a copy of the Election under 37 C.F.R. § 3.71, Revocation, Power of Attorney, and Certificate under § 3.73(b) (including copy of Assignment) as filed in the prior application.

5. X Enclosed are drawings as filed in the prior application (11 sheets).

6. Before calculating the filing fee, cancel in this application claims 1-5, 32, and 33, as described in the attached Preliminary Amendment. (At least one independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
7. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
8. The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED			
NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	BASIC FEE \$770
Total Claims 26-20 =	6	\$18	\$108
Independent Claims 3-3 =	0	\$86	\$0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENTED		\$290	\$0
		FILING FEE:	\$878

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10. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-4895.
11. This application is being filed by less than all of the inventors named in the prior application. Please delete the names of the following inventor(s) who are not inventors of the invention claimed in the present application:
12. Priority of foreign application Serial No. ___, filed on ___ in (country) _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
13. The prior application is assigned of record to The Toro Company.
14. The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:

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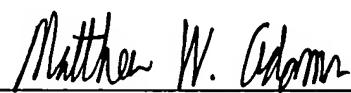
15. X Application Data Sheet.

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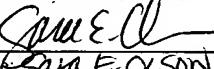


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